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## 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 77

October 30, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives Travis and Schneider, cosponsored by Senator Wineke. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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Whereas, the visit to the United States of Jiang Zemin, President of the People's Republic of China, highlights an ongoing debate over the developing relationship between our 2 countries; and

Whereas, the Communist government's desire to expand China's participation in the world economy has intensified concerns over its record of infringement of human rights and political freedom; and

Whereas, the slaughter of students demonstrating in Tiananmen Square for democratic reforms was a reprehensible act for which China's leaders have neither apologized nor atoned; and

Whereas, the involuntary sterilization of women, forced abortions, slave labor camps and execution of prisoners so their body parts can be sold are among the many horrific examples of continuing persecution by the Chinese government; and

Whereas, China's limited movement toward legal reform and political freedom represents only a meager step toward the massive changes needed to restore and protect the rights of its people; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature welcomes President Jiang to the United States in the hope that his visit will expose him to the American people's deep distress over the state of human rights in his county; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the legislature hopes President Jiang's visit to such symbols of American democracy as Colonial Williamsburg will be accompanied by an understanding and acceptance of basic democratic tenets, including the right of all people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the legislature urges President Jiang to understand this country's expectation that fundamental human rights be observed by any nation that seeks to strengthen its economic and political ties to the free world; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to President of the People's Republic of China Jiang Zemin, President of the United States William J. Clinton and the members of Wisconsin's delegation to the U.S. Congress.

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